

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the PUBLIC AIRWAVES free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's broadcast of "Stolen Honor" is motivated by the proximity and polling results of the upcoming presidential election. Since the program was directed and produced with a partisan slant and not an objective newsworthy approach, it is an attempt by Sinclair to provide a free campaign contribution to the Bush-Cheney '04 presidential campaign - without providing a reciprocate action to the Kerry-Edwards presidential campaign. This is a violation of the law and should be stopped before the program is aired.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.